



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### **DRAFT Section 401 Water Quality Certification # 2021-404I-005 for the Hampton Harbor North Jetty Repair and Reconstruction Project is AVAILABLE for PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Dear Interested Party or Stakeholder:** In accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1341) and NH RSA 485-A:12, III, the US Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, (the Applicant) has filed an application for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (certification) for the project described below. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has reviewed the application and has prepared a draft certification which is available for public comment on the NHDES website at:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/public-comment-opportunities?category=Water>

The draft certification states that based on the facts, laws, findings, and conditions in the certification, NHDES has determined that there is reasonable assurance that construction and operation of the proposed project will be conducted in a manner which will not violate New Hampshire surface water quality standards (RSA 485-A:8 and Env-Wq 1700) and that NHDES therefore proposes to issue the certification subject to certain conditions.

**Project Description:** The project will involve temporary and minor impacts to water quality associated with the project's repair and widening of approximately 465 feet of a jetty that was damaged by coastal storms and a vessel collision in 2016. The jetty is located in Hampton, New Hampshire at the southern section of Hampton Beach State Park and extends approximately 1,000 feet into the Atlantic Ocean on the northern side of Hampton Harbor Inlet. The project will include a 5-foot-high toe constructed of underlayer stone that will extend the existing grade of the jetty's seaward side. The addition of stone on the seaward side of the jetty will result in the permanent conversion of approximately 6,576 square feet of sandy, subtidal habitat to stone; however approximately 2,600 square feet of this conversion has already occurred because of damage to the jetty. The Applicant estimates that the project will take approximately four months to complete, with marine-based work beginning no earlier than August 1, land-based work starting no earlier than September 15, and completion of all work by March 15. Work from the water will take place using a barge mounted crane or excavator.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS:** Comments will be accepted until **4 pm, May 2, 2022**. Only written comments will be accepted. Comments may be sent by postal mail, or email (**email is preferred**). Please include the project name/certification number, your name, organization, mailing address, email address and telephone number with your submittal.

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If you have questions about the draft certification or have difficulties accessing a copy, please contact James Tilley, Supervisor of the NHDES Water Quality Certification program at (603) 271-0699 or by email at [james.tilley@des.nh.gov](mailto:james.tilley@des.nh.gov).